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NASHVILLE-Governor Don Sundquist and Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development Michael E. Magill announce the 2000th business in the state of Tennessee, The Aerostructures Corporation, to join the Drug-Free Workplace Program

Governor Don Sundquist worked hard to implement the Drug-Free Workplace Program in Tennessee. Sundquist said, "I am proud to reach this milestone with the Drug-Free Workplace Program. I strongly encourage all businesses to take advantage of this program because substance abuse not only affects businesses, but harms individuals and families and profoundly impacts the economy of our state and our nation."

Department of Labor and Workforce Commissioner Michael E. Magill said, "Since 1998, the Tennessee Drug-Free Workplace Program has made employees more productive and has increased morale and safety. Employees who work side by side and with heavy equipment now know they are working with people who are not under the influence of drugs, or alcohol. Employers have benefited too, with less absenteeism and turnover and a reduction in workers compensation claims."

"But we still have a long way to go," Magill continued, "We need to encourage smaller businesses to follow the lead of companies like The Aerostructures Corporation. Seventy-five percent of employed Americans work for small companies and only 5 to 10 percent of those companies are involved in the Drug-Free Workplace Program."

The Aerostructures Corporation is a global aerospace company with more than 60 years experience in designing and manufacturing airframe structural components. The company has revenues in excess of \$400 million and is a major aerospace subcontractor with 1,400 employees.

Senior Vice President and CFO of The Aerostructures Corporation Steve Loftus said, “Our Corporation is honored to be the 2000th participant in the Tennessee Drug-Free Workplace Program. The Aerostructures is committed to providing the safest environment possible for its employees.”

Tennessee’s Drug-Free Workplace program promotes drug-free workplaces in order that employers in this state be afforded the opportunity to maximize their levels of productivity, enhance their competitive positions in the marketplace, and reach their desired levels of success without experiencing the costs, delays, and tragedies associated with work-related accidents resulting from drug or alcohol abuse by employees.

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